

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 1472 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 18th - 19th February 2010
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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding don't know and wouldn't vote]

Con	39
Lab	33
Lib Dem	17
Other	11

Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	4
SNP / PCY	2
Green	2
BNP	2
Respect	0
Other	1

Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	7
<i>Don't know</i>	13

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	5
Fairly well	32
TOTAL WELL	37
Fairly badly	32
Very badly	26
TOTAL BADLY	58
Don't know	5

Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	8
Fairly well	42
TOTAL WELL	50
Fairly badly	25
Very badly	13
TOTAL BADLY	38
Don't know	12

Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	3
Fairly well	41
TOTAL WELL	44
Fairly badly	20
Very badly	7
TOTAL BADLY	27
Don't know	29

Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	28
David Cameron and George Osborne	33
Neither	31
Don't know	8

In your opinion, how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0
Quite good	5
TOTAL GOOD	5
Neither good nor bad	19
Quite bad	43
Very bad	31
TOTAL BAD	74
Don't know	2

Both main parties say they would act to reduce government borrowing over the next few years. How much do you trust the following to propose policies that would reduce borrowing without harming Britain's chances of recovering from recession?

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling

Trust a lot	7
Trust a fair amount	24
TOTAL TRUST A LOT / A FAIR AMOUNT	31
Do not trust much	27
Do not trust at all	37
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST MUCH / AT ALL	64
Don't know	5

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David Cameron and George Osborne	
Trust a lot	6
Trust a fair amount	24
TOTAL TRUST A LOT / A FAIR AMOUNT	30
Do not trust much	32
Do not trust at all	31
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST MUCH / AT ALL	63
Don't know	7

Nick Clegg and Vince Cable	
Trust a lot	5
Trust a fair amount	27
TOTAL TRUST A LOT / A FAIR AMOUNT	32
Do not trust much	33
Do not trust at all	16
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST MUCH / AT ALL	49
Don't know	19

Official statistics show that Britain's economy grew slightly towards the end of 2009. In your view, how likely is it that Britain will fall back into recession his year?

A return to recession is very likely	13
Fairly likely	38
TOTAL LIKELY	51
Fairly unlikely	32
Very unlikely - the economy will grow steadily this year	6
TOTAL UNLIKELY	38
Don't know	11

Currently people with savings above a certain level have to pay for their social care themselves.

One proposal is to replace the current system with a 10% inheritance tax when they die to fund long-term care for elderly people. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Strongly support	6
Tend to support	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	34
Tend to oppose	24
Strongly oppose	25
TOTAL OPPOSE	49
Don't know	17

Another proposal is that people should be able to pay a voluntary £8,000 on retirement; this would guarantee long-term care without any further payment. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Strongly support	7
Tend to support	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	34
Tend to oppose	26
Strongly oppose	26
TOTAL OPPOSE	52
Don't know	14

Recently Gordon Brown was interviewed on television about his life, including his marriage, his children and the death, after just ten days, of his first daughter, Jennifer. David Cameron has also talked publicly about his family, including his son, Ivan, who died at the age of six. Do you think...

It is a good thing: leading politicians should speak publicly about such matters as this gives us a more rounded view of their lives and personality	44
It is a bad thing: leading politicians should be judged on their political performance, not their private lives	48
Don't know	8

Gordon Brown appeared to be close to tears when talking about Jennifer's death. Which of these views comes closer to your own?

'Politicians should display genuine emotion more frequently: it shows they are real human beings after all'	64
'Politicians should NOT display genuine emotion more frequently: it shows they are weak'	14
Don't know	22

Does Gordon Brown's decision to answer questions about his life and family make you more likely or less likely to vote Labour at the next election?

More likely to vote Labour	10
Less likely	8
No difference – I would vote Labour anyway	24
No difference – I would NOT vote Labour anyway	45
Don't know	13

It is possible that the result of the coming election will be a 'hung parliament' in which no single party has an outright majority. This might give the Liberal Democrats the balance of power. If these were their choices, which do you think they should do?

Form a coalition with Labour	30
Form a coalition with the Conservatives	26
Not join forces with either, and remain in opposition	26
Don't know	18

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In the past, when there has been a close election, a second election has followed within two years. If there is a 'hung parliament' this time, which would you prefer?

There should be a second election later this year or next year, to try and secure a clear decision about who should govern Britain	34
MPs from different parties should work together so that Britain has a stable government and no further election is needed for four or five years	53
Don't know	13

On a different topic, there have been allegations that British MI5 officers have interrogated terrorism suspects who had been tortured by allied interrogators. Do you think the MI5 officers should or should not be prosecuted for conspiracy to torture?

They should be prosecuted	31
They should not	50
Don't know	19